

# **2016 WARRANT**

## **THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE (update 12/21/15)**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Barrington, in the County of Strafford, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town affairs: You are hereby notified of the annual meeting.

The first session for the transaction of all Town Meeting business, other than voting by official ballot, shall be held Saturday, the 30th day of January 2016 at 9:00 A.M. at the Middle School, 51 Haley Dr. If the session cannot be held that date because of weather or other unexpected emergencies the session will be held the 1st day of February 2016 at 6:30 PM at the Early Childhood Learning Center, 77 Ramsdell Lane. The first session shall consist of explanation, discussion, and debate of each warrant article. Warrant articles may be amended, subject to the following limitations:

Warrant articles whose wording is prescribed by law shall not be amended. Warrant articles that are amended shall be placed on the official ballot for final vote on the main motion, as amended.

The second session of the annual meeting, to vote on questions required by law to be inserted on said official ballot and to vote on all warrant articles from the first session on official ballot shall be held Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at the new Middle School 51 Haley Dr. The polls shall be open from 8:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

### **Articles**

**Article 1. To choose all necessary Town Officers by ballot and majority vote, including:**

#### **SELECTMEN**

**Two for 3 year term**

#### **TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS**

**One for 3 year term**

#### **CEMETERY TRUSTEES**

**One for 3 year term**

#### **LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

**Two for 3 year term**

#### **TOWN MODERATOR**

**One for 2 year term**

#### **Supervisor of the Checklist**

**One for 6 year term**

**Article 2. Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 1 **recommended** by the Planning Board. [Majority Vote Required]**

**Article .** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000,000 (three million dollars) for the purpose of construction of a town hall to replace leased spaces including but not limited to building construction, site work, architectural fees, engineering, permitting, inspection, furniture, commissioning and other expenses to occupy the building. Up to \$3,000,000 (three million dollars) of such sum to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33:1 et seq., as amended; to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; to authorize the Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and to authorize the Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. **[3/5th (60%) Majority Required]. ???Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and ??? Advisory Budget Committee. There is no impact on the amount to be raised by 2016 property taxes by the passage of this article but there is a commitment to make payments in future years that will increase property taxes in those years. While there are many factors effecting future property tax impact, based on current total assessment, savings of eliminated rental costs, recent interest rates on a 20 year bond sale, the projected average net increase is \$XX in the property tax bill (XX cents/1000) on a home currently assessed at \$250,000 from this article.**

**Article XX.** “Shall the Town of Barrington raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling six million five hundred forty-six thousand one hundred twenty eight (\$6,546,128)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be six million three hundred seventy one thousand two hundred eleven dollars (\$6,371,211) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Barrington or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.” **[Majority Vote Required]. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and ??? Advisory Budget Committee. \*Note: This appropriation does not include any other warrant article. There is a 2016 projected increase of \$ 17.50 in the property tax bill (7 cents/1000) on a home currently assessed at \$250,000 from this article.**

**Article xx.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be added to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established, this sum to come from fund balance and no amount to be raised from taxation. **[Majority Vote Required]. Recommended unanimously by the**

**Board of Selectmen and Advisory Budget Committee. \*Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article # xx, the operating budget article. This article has no impact on 2016 property taxes.**

**Article xx.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be added to the Fire and Rescue Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established, this sum to come from fund balance and no amount to be raised from taxation. **[Majority Vote Required]. Recommended unanimously by the Board of Selectmen and Advisory Budget Committee. \*Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article # xx, the operating budget article. This article has no impact on 2016 property taxes.**

**Article xx.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the Communications Upgrade for Emergency Services Capital Reserve Fund previously established, this sum to come from fund balance and no amount to be raised from taxation. **[Majority Vote Required]. Recommended unanimously by the Board of Selectmen and Advisory Budget Committee. \*Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article # xx, the operating budget article. This article has no impact on 2016 property taxes.**

**Article xx.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 to be added to the Library Technology Fund Capital Reserve previously established, this sum to come from fund balance and no amount to be raised from taxation. **[Majority Vote Required]. Recommended unanimously by the Board of Selectmen and Advisory Budget Committee. \*Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article # xx, the operating budget article. This article has no impact on 2016 property taxes.**

**Article xx.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be added to the Cemetery Capital Reserve Fund previously established, this sum to come from fund balance and no amount to be raised from taxation. This is the amount the Town collected in 2015 from sale of cemetery lots and other cemetery revenue. **[Majority Vote Required]. ???Recommended unanimously by the Board of Selectmen and ???Advisory Budget Committee. \*Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article # xx, the operating budget article. This article has no impact on 2016 property taxes.**

**Article xx.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,000 to be added to the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established, this sum to come from fund balance and no amount to be raised from taxation. **[Majority Vote Required]. Recommended unanimously by the Board of Selectmen and Advisory Budget Committee. \*Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article # xx, the operating budget article. This article has no impact on 2016 property taxes.**

**Article xx.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be added to the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund previously established, this sum to come from fund balance and no amount to be raised from taxation. Such funds may be expended for the purposes of the fund and may be used to apply for 80% state funding from the New Hampshire Bridge Aid Program for some of this work. **[Majority Vote Required]. ??? Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and ??? Advisory Budget Committee. \*Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article # xx, the operating budget article. This article has no impact on 2016 property taxes.**

**Article 13.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$50,000 to be added to the Emergency Road Repair and Winter Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund previously established, this sum to come from fund balance and no amount to be raised from taxation. **[Majority Vote Required]. ??? Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and ??? Advisory Budget Committee. \*Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article # xx, the operating budget article. This article has no impact on 2016 property taxes.**

**Article xx.** To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 125,000 for road paving and reconstruction, this sum to come from fund balance and no amount to be raised from taxation. This money helps fund the fourth year of a multi-year plan recommended by the town's consulting engineer to maintain and improve road conditions. This is a special warrant article and will not lapse until December 31, 2017. **[Majority Vote Required]. \*Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article # xx, the operating budget article. This article has no impact on 2016 property taxes.**

**Article xx.** To see if the town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Board of Selectmen and the International Union of Public Employees representing police employees other than the Police Chief which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level: 2016 Fiscal Year estimated increase \$ 22,731 in 2016; 2017 Fiscal year estimated increase \$6,569 in 2017 and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,731 for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels. **(Majority vote required). By a zzz vote the Board of Selectmen recommends (or not). Note: This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article # xxx, the operating budget article. There is a projected increase of 2.5 cents/1,000 ( \$6.25 on a home currently assessed at \$250,000) from this article.**

**Article XX** To see if the town will vote to place a conservation easement on properties owned by the town known as the Leahy and Renna parcels, totaling 77 acres, Map 254 Lots 21 and 22, said easement to be conveyed to and held by the

Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests (SPNHF). These properties connect separate parts of the town-owned Samuel A Tamposi Water Supply Reserve, on which SPNHF already holds a conservation easement, and were purchased using money from the town's conservation fund expressly for this purpose. (RECOMMENDATION)

**Article xx.** Shall the town of Barrington adopt an Ordinance to Protect the Waterways of the Town, including Rivers, Streams, Ponds, Wetlands, Watersheds and Aquifers, by Establishing a Community Bill of Rights for the People of Barrington which Prohibits Activities and Projects that would Violate the Bill of Rights and which Provides for Enforcement? **[By Petition][Majority vote required] ??? recommended or not by the Board of Selectmen.**

**Article XX.** To see if the town will vote to urge our selectmen to act now to bring this proposed action in front of the Barrington tax payers at a town meeting so the residents can discuss and vote on this specific project and can be properly informed re: impact on individual property tax rates and on the property tax issues raised by an lease/easement agreement with regard to placing equipment on town property." Petitioned warrant article titled "Solar Power Purchase Project and Placing Solar Equipment on Town Property in a Long Term Lease/Easement Agreement and Transparent Cost Analysis" **[By petition]**

**Article XX.** To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting of the honorable Town Government.

Given under our hands, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016

----- Michael Clark

----- Fred Bussiere

----- Dawn Hatch

----- Susan Gaudiello

----- Casey O'Brien

A TRUE COPY OF WARRANT – ATTEST

Please notify the Selectmen's Office at least five business days prior to this meeting if the meeting must be modified for your participation.

January XX, 2016

We hereby certify that we gave notice to the inhabitants within named, to meet at time and place and for the purpose within mentioned, by posting up an attested

copy of the within Warrant at the place of meeting within named, and a like attested copy at the Town Office and post office being a public place in same town, on the XX day of January, 2016,

Given under our hands, this XX day of January, 2016

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